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SUBJ: SOVIET TECHNICIANS

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1. EMBASSY ESTIMATES PRESENT NUMBER OF SOVIET ECONOMIC/
MILITARY TECHNICIANS IN SOMALIA AT ABOUT 1,200, OF WHOM
APPROXIMATELY 845 ARE WORKING IN MILITARY- RELATED ACTIVITIES.
WHILE WE CANNOT GIVE DETAILED DESCRIPTION THEIR DUTIES,
FOLLOWING ARE MAJOR FUNCTIONS WHICH THEY BELIEVED TO BE PER-
FORMING. ALL FIGURES ARE APPROXIMATE.

2. THOSE WORKING IN PREDOMINANTLY MILITARY FIELDS INCLUDE:
(A) MILITARY ATTACHED TO SOMALI MILITARY COMMANDS IN ADVISORY
AND TRAINING CAPACITY - 425, (OF WHOM 300 AT MOGADISCIO, 25
AT UANLE UEN, 80 AT HARGEISA, AND 20 AT CHISIMAIO);
(B) CIVILIANS WGKING ON CONSTRUCTION OF MILITARY AIRFIELDS
AT UANLE UEN AND BERBERA - 400;
(C) MILITARY AND CIVILIANS WORKING AT SOVIET COMMUNICATIONS
FACILITY IN BERBERA - 20.

3. THOSE WORKING IN PREDOMINANTLY CIVILIAN FIELDS INCLUDE:
(A) CIVILIANS WORKING AT BERBERA AND OTHER PORTS - 60;
(B) CIVILIANS WORKING AT SOVIET- FINANCED FACTORIES AT LAS
KOREH, CHISIMAIO, AND MOGADISCIO - 20;
(C) TEACHERS, DOCTORS, OTHER MISCELLANEOUS AID PERSONNAL - 135;
(D) ENGINEERS WORKING AT FANOLE DAM SITE - 40;
(E) CIVILIANS WORKING WITH SOVIET- SOMALI FISHING FLEET - 100.

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RM NOT INCLUDED IN ABOVE LISTING ARE APPROXIMATELY 200 SOVIET CIPZNS ATTACHED TO SOVIET DIPLOMATIC MISSION IN MOGADISCIO, AND THIRTY- FIVE ATTACHED TO UNDP. LAST OFFICIALLY PUBLISHED FIGURE FOR SOVIET NATIONALS IN SOMALIA (IN 1971 STATISTICAL ABSTRACT) IS 778, A FIGURE WHICH INCLUDES DEPENDENTS).

5. EMBASSY LACKS INFORMATION TO PREDICT FUTURE TRENDSIN NUMBER OF SOVIET TEVNICIANS. FOLLOWING EXPLUSION FROM EGYPT, NUMBER OF TECHNICIANS HERE INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY WITH SEVERAL HUNDRED NEW ARRIVALS IN LAST SIX MONTHS OF 1972. WE DO ANTICIPATE SOME CHANGE AND NET INCREASE IN TECHNICIANS AS FANOLE PROJECT PROGRESSES. ANY SUBSTANTIAL FURTHER INCREASE IN NUMBER OF SUCH PERSONNEL WOULD RAISE VARIZY OF PROBLEMS FOR SOVIETS AND SOMALIS, INCLUDING ADVERSE POPULAR REACTION, OPPOSITION FROM ARAB STATES, AND INCONSISTENCY WITH REGIME' S EMPHASIS ON " SELF- HELP." WE WILL CONTINUE TO REPORT ANY NEW INFORMATION ON ARRIVALS OF SOVIET TECHNICIANS.
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